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Editorial Notes

A touching personal note was struck by the Rev. W. L. Watkinson, the well known English Wesleyan minister, in the course of a late address: "At the end of my life," he said, "with all the imperfections belonging to my ministry, I feel this consolation—that I have not unnecessarily disturbed the religious convictions of my hearers. I have sought in all my preaching to be practical and instructive, and have sought in my ministry and writings to do people good. It is ten thousand times better for a man to set before a congregation the simple beauty of the New Testament than to trouble a congregation with his own nightmares."

The Divinity School of Yale University will open, it is announced, a special department for the training of foreign missionaries. It is a development of the work done in Yale by Professor Harlan P. Beach, who a few years ago was made professor of the theory and practice, and is a sequence of the wide-spread interest in missions promoted by the Laymen's Missionary Movement. In addition to the course in Bible study, church history, theology and practical methods, there will be special courses in the languages, as needed in the fields to which the young missionaries will go. Opportunities will be afforded also in manual training and industrial work.

A syndicate letter by Frank G. Carpenter in the daily papers is on Christian Korea. It gives a good deal of information as to the work of Christian Missions in Korea, and the wonderful progress of Christianity in that land. The actual converts are said to be 150,000. The Churches are becoming largely self-supporting, are occupied in Bible study, and the native converts are zealous, entering at once upon active work of appeal and extension. The letter gives most gratifying accounts of the cordial co-operation of the various denominational branches of the work and beneficence of Medical Missions, and of the Y. M. C. A. It is an interesting evidence of the progress of thought and sympathy when such papers are sought and paid for by our great secular journals.

Parents and guardians are considering the question of a school or college for their sons and daughters. It is a serious question. Tremendous issues are involved—it is a question of body, of mind, and of soul development. It can not be hastily or thoughtlessly answered. Divine guidance should be earnestly sought; careful inquiry as to the character of the surroundings, style of work, and religious life of the institution should be made. Consult our advertising columns and you will find the best of our schools and colleges from which to make your selection.

Nashville Presbytery, not our Presbytery of that name, but one embracing the former Cumberland ministers and churches, lately had a celebration of John Calvin's four hundredth anniversary. The chief addresses were made by professors of the theological school of Cumberland University, at Lebanon. So, after all, the Buffalo Assembly must have been right in its assertion that the union meant no surrender of the Church's historic position, and the Cumberland brethren were wrong who claimed that their historic belief was untouched. We are glad to see them honoring Calvin's memory.

Montreat has planned for the three following conferences: The Country Church Workers' Conference, July 14th to the 25th, strikes out on a new line proposing to study methods of activity, possible in rural and mountain sections. The General Christian Workers' Conference is from July 28th to August 15th, will deal with the problems of the modern Church and Sunday-school methods. The Missionary Conference will be held from August 17th to the 31st. The evening addresses will be by men of special fitness. The list of speakers and teachers includes the names of men of distinction and attractiveness.

A campaign of education, on a national scale, is being planned by the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The plan has the endorsement of the organized Foreign Missionary agencies of America, and will have their co-operation. The plan involves the holding of Men's Missionary Conventions in about fifty of the most important centers in the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is expected that out from these fifty main centers, deputations of speakers will be sent to a great many other cities to assist them in conducting special meetings. And a further plan is hereafter recommended, by which any city or community in the nation may share actively in the benefits of this general awakening. The culminating feature of the campaign will be a National Missionary Congress, at which 5,000 or more of the most representative Christian men of America will meet in April, 1910. Summer conferences have been arranged, each to continue for three days, at the following places and dates: Hot Springs, Ark., August 10-12; Monteagle, Tenn., August 13-15; Montreat, N. C., August 17-19; Winona Lake, Ind., September 1-3;